

..... WISCONSIN PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE DATA .....

This publication presents summary information for Wisconsin from the 2000 Physician Workforce Survey and the 1996 Physician Profile Survey. Wisconsin had 18,573 licensed physicians in 2000, of whom 16,691 responded to the survey. In 1996, Wisconsin had 13,556 licensed physicians, of whom 13,177 responded to the survey. (The aforementioned counts include residents and fellows.) The General Information section includes data on all *reporting* Wisconsin-licensed physicians (excluding residents and fellows). The remaining sections present information for physicians (excluding residents and fellows) *working* in Wisconsin.

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1996</u>
• Wisconsin licensed physicians <sup>†</sup>	18,573	13,556

GENERAL INFORMATION

• Year degree granted	<u>2000</u>	<u>1996</u>
1991-Survey year**	2,115	1,139
1981-1990	5,250	4,562
1971-1980	3,976	3,509
1961-1970	2,362	2,125
1951-1960	1,216	1,284
1941-1950	334	432
1931-1940	39	60
• Location of degree granting institution		
U.S.	12,840	*
Wisconsin	35%	*
Other states	65	*
Outside U.S.	2,188	*
• Work in Wisconsin	9,533	9,013
• Work outside state	3,981	2,011
• Retired or permanently disabled	1,130	*
• Work in another field	158	*
• Seeking work or temporarily inactive	290	*

<sup>†</sup> Obtained from the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing.  
\* Comparable 1996 data not available.  
\*\* 1996 column includes the years 1991-1996; 2000 column includes the years 1991-2000.

PATIENT-RELATED INFORMATION

• Work in Wisconsin	<u>2000</u> 9,533	<u>1996</u> 9,013
• Provide:		
Prenatal care	15%	15%
Obstetrical care	15	16
Pediatric care	46	34
• Serve:		
Medicaid/BadgerCare patients	84%	89%
Medicare patients	87	87
• Accept new patients:	80%	87%
Medicaid/BadgerCare patients	71	77
Medicare patients	76	72
• Participate in State Medical Society's PartnerCare program	29%	37%
• Routinely provide pro-bono care, payment plans or sliding fees for needy patients	51%	*

SELECTED SPECIALTIES

• Family practice	<u>2000</u>	<u>1996</u>
Practicing in specialty	1,736	1,541
Board certified <sup>‡</sup> in specialty	90%	89%
• General practice	91	87
Practicing in specialty	181	219
• Internal medicine	76%	68%
Practicing in specialty	2,046	2,336
Board certified <sup>‡</sup> in specialty	78%	84%
• OB/GYN	90	83
Practicing in specialty	435	444
Board certified <sup>‡</sup> in specialty	97%	95%
• Pediatrics	87	82
Practicing in specialty	878	874
Board certified <sup>‡</sup> in specialty	86%	86%
• Geriatric medicine	88	85
Practicing in specialty	141	166
Board certified <sup>‡</sup> in specialty	90%	92%
	90	98

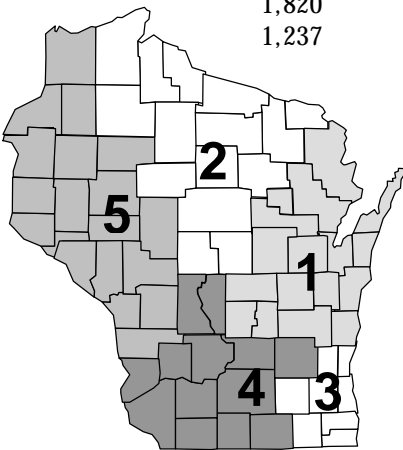
<sup>‡</sup> The physician has completed a residency in this specialty, passed oral and/or written exams, and handled a minimum number of cases.

SELECTED PRIMARY PRACTICE SETTINGS

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1996</u>
• Outpatient:	6,506	7,116
Group practice – multi-specialty	54%	50%
Group practice – single-specialty	30	34
Solo practice	16	16
• Hospitals:	1,956	1,059
General medical-surgical	85%	77%
Veterans Affairs & military	8	14
Psychiatric/Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse	5	7
Rehabilitation	2	2
• Academic setting (e.g., university)	995	*
• State or local government agency	152	273
• Health care business/corporation (e.g., insurance company)	116	81
• Nursing home	92	*
• Federally funded agency (tribal, Community Health Center, Mental Health Center, etc.)	76	54
• Certified rural health clinic	46	57

PHYSICIANS BY REGION IN 2000

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate per 10,000 population</u>
(1) Northeastern	1,483	13
(2) Northern	922	19
(3) Southeastern	3,784	19
(4) Southern	1,820	19
(5) Western	1,237	17



## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

The data sources for these tables are the 2000 Physician Workforce Survey and the 1996 Physician Profile Survey. The 2000 Physician Workforce Survey was conducted by the Wisconsin Division of Health Care Financing, Bureau of Health Information, in cooperation with Wisconsin-licensed physicians. The 1996 Physician Profile Survey was conducted by the Wisconsin Office of Health Care Information, in cooperation with Wisconsin-licensed physicians.

### **2000**

The 2000 Physician Workforce survey was required to be completed by all physicians, including residents and fellows (physicians in a post-graduate training program following completion of medical school), pursuant to Chapter 153, Wis. Stats., and HFS 120.40, Wis. Admin. Code. Data from residents and fellows are not included in this publication except for the count of Wisconsin licensed physicians.

The 2000 survey instrument relied on previous surveys and was revised based on comments from a variety of data users, including the Wisconsin Division of Health Care Financing, the Wisconsin Division of Public Health, the Board on Health Care Information, the University of Wisconsin Medical School, the State Medical Society of Wisconsin, Southwest Wisconsin Area Health Education Center, the Consortium for Primary Care, and the Wisconsin Health and Hospital Association. Physician mailing addresses and other licensing data were obtained from the Department of Regulation and Licensing and from an internal list of physicians generated by the Bureau of Health Information.

The surveys were mailed on June 1, 2000. Physicians who did not return initial surveys were sent follow-up mailings in July and August. The final response rate was 90 percent, with 16,691 of 18,573 licensed physicians returning the survey.

### **1996**

This publication also includes comparable data from the 1996 Physician Profile Survey. The final response rate for that survey was 97 percent, with 13,177 of 13,556 licensed physicians responding. Additional information about the 1996 Physician Profile Survey is available from the Bureau of Health Information.

### **Additional Information**

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